

Cloquet Council Chambers  
6:00 P.M. December 6, 2022

#### Roll Call

Councilors Present: Carlson, Lamb, Kolodge, Jaakola, Wilkinson, Mayor Maki

Councilors Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

#### AGENDA

**MOTION:** Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve the December 6, 2022 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

#### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of November 15, 2022 as presented. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Greta Jaarvinen, 223 Kelly Avenue, gave information about the Holiday Celebration being hosted by the FDLTCC on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This is a great community event for everyone. The community has been outstanding in donating door and raffle prizes.

Gary Dahl, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, addressed council regarding installing cameras at Veterans Park – questioned the cameras not being installed yet. Administrator Peterson explained that money is allocated in the budget for park cameras. Mr. Dahl also requested the streetlight outside the VFW be repaired. Peterson stated the city recently received a grant to replace streetlights in the west end business district that will include this one.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION:** Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of December 6, 2022 as presented, approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

- a. Resolution No. 22-86, Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Payroll
- b. Approval of Optional 2AM Liquor License Renewal – Northeastern Hotel, Saloon & Grille

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

Truth in Taxation

**MOTION:** Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to open the Public hearing. The time is 6:10 p.m.

Scott Brander, 1403 Highland Avenue, looking for guidance on the 36.2% increase of his taxes. Peterson explained the property tax statement includes the county, city, school, and CAFD which all add up to the total. Cloquet is only a portion.

Marty Hill, 606 Maple Street, indicated there haven't been improvements on his home that would justify this much of an increase. Hoping the city is tightening its belt like the residents have to.

Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously (6-0). The time is 6:18 p.m.

**MOTION:** Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Jaakola seconded the motion to adopt the Five (5) Year Capital Improvement Plan for 2023-2027. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**MOTION:** Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to Adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 22-88, ADOPTING THE 2023 BUDGET.** The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**WHEREAS,** The City Administrator has prepared an annual budget and the City Council has reviews the 2023 budget; and

**WHEREAS,** Chapter 275, Section 065 of Minnesota Statutes requires that the City adopt a 2023 levy and budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA,** That there be and is hereby set aside for the year 2023 for the following departments and funds:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General	\$8,449,790	\$8,865,790
LDO Loan (EDA)	19,650	2,200
Federal CDBG Loan (EDA)	10,000	10,000
Economic Development Loan (City)	11,550	2,000
Small Cities Development (EDA)	6,750	6,750
Library	709,000	745,945
Tax Increment – Trails Edge	33,500	33,500
Tax Increment – 14 <sup>th</sup> Street Apartments	58,300	58,300
Tax Increment – Oakwood Estates	55,000	55,000
Tax Increment – Patio Homes	55,000	55,000
Landfill Host Fee	105,000	25,000
Cable Television	103,000	110,000
Swimming Pond Bonds	83,500	100,400
City Sales Tax Bonds	546,500	546,500
Facility Bonds	100,200	96,900
Permanent Improvement	100,000	6,500
Public Works Reserve	295,000	286,600
Revolving Capital Projects	350,000	350,000
City Sales Tax Projects	1,015,000	681,860
Employee Severance Benefits	10,000	30,000
Water – Lake Superior Waterline	3,000,000	3,045,510
Water – In Town System	2,436,680	3,423,546
Sewer Utility	2,069,890	2,001,541
Stormwater Utility	332,000	575,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$19,955,310</b>	<b>\$21,117,092</b>

**MOTION:** Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 22-87, ADOPTING SUMS OF MONEY TO BE LEVIED FOR LEVY YEAR 2022, PAYABLE IN 2023.** The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**BE IT RESOLVED,** By the City Council of the City of Cloquet, Minnesota, that the following sums of money be levied for the levy year 2022, payable in 2023, upon taxable property in the City of Cloquet, for the following purposes:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Levy</u>
General	\$2,573,390
Library	480,000
GO Swimming Pond Debt	83,500
GO Facilities Debt	100,200
Public Works Reserve	210,000
<b>TOTAL LEVY</b>	<b>\$3,447,090</b>

### PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

### OPEN WARD 3 COUNCIL SEAT

**MOTION:** Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Jaakola seconded the motion to accept applications from interested and eligible residents of Ward 3 to fill the open Ward 3 City Council seat the next general election. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

### **2023 NON-UNION PAY PLAN**

**MOTION:** Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to approve a 3.5 percent wage increase to the non-union employee pay plan effective January 1, 2023. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

### **AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF CITY CODE AS IT RELATES TO SPECIAL TAXES – FIRST READING**

Council is asked to review proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 22-85, APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 503A, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF CITY CODE AS IT RELATES TO SPECIAL TAXES.** Action will be taken at the December 20, 2022 Council meeting.

**WHEREAS,** In 2021, First Special Session, Chapter 14, Article 8, Section 4, (“Special Law”) allows the City of Cloquet to pursue a local option sales tax.

**WHEREAS,** on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021 the City Council of the City of Cloquet approved this legislation and authorized staff to take necessary action to create a referendum at the next general election for the voters of Cloquet to approve, or not, the additional local option sales tax.

**WHEREAS,** at the November 8, 2022 general election, voters in the City of Cloquet approved referendum question one as it relates to a project and funding for Pine Valley Park, and referendum question two as it relates to a project and funding for the Cloquet Ice Arenas.

**WHEREAS,** the Special Law is effective upon approval by a majority vote of the City Council and filing a certificate with the Minnesota Secretary of State, all in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021, Subd. 2 and 3; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to approve the Special Law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA:**

1. That the Special Law is hereby approved in all respects.
2. That Ordinance 503A is hereby approved to amend Chapter 3 of the City Code as it relates to Special Taxes.
3. That the City Administrator is authorized and directed to file with the Secretary of State a Certificate of Approval for the Special Law
4. That the City Administrator is authorized and directed to file with the Minnesota Department of Revenue all necessary documents and formal request for the Minnesota Department of Revenue to administer the new tax beginning April 1, 2023.
5. That City staff are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to implement the Special Law and bring before this Council further proceedings as necessary in order to implement the Special Law.

### **PURCHASE 40 MM LESS-LETHAL LAUNCHERS**

**MOTION:** Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve the purchase of two less lethal launchers, with red-dot optic and protective cases. The motion carried (5-1), Councilor Jaakola opposed.

### **APPROVING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT**

**MOTION:** Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 22-82, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT (LAND USE PLAN) FROM “PLANNED MIXED RESIDENTIAL” TO “CITY CENTER” for GCL DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC.** The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**WHEREAS,** GCL Development Group LLC is proposing a Comprehensive Plan Amendment (Land Use Plan) from “Planned Mixed Residential” to “City Center”; and

**WHEREAS**, As required by ordinance, notification was advertised in the Pine Knot. A public hearing was held to consider the application at the regular meeting of the Cloquet Planning Commission on November 9, 2022, at which time Zoning Case / Development Review No. 22-16 was heard and discussed; and

**WHEREAS**, the property of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment (Land Use Plan) is located 1417 Avenue C and the vacant lot to the west and is legally described as follows:

Lots 4 and 5, Block 1, Northwest Paper Company Addition, Carlton County, Minnesota

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission reviewed the staff report and recommends approval of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment (Land Use Plan).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA**, that it approves of Zoning Case 22-16 for a comprehensive plan amendment (land use plan) from “Planned Mixed Residential” to “City Center”.

**MOTION:** Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Jaakola seconded the motion to adopt **ORDINANCE NO. 502A, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 17 BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET FROM “R3-MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENCE” TO “CC-CITY CENTER”**. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

The City Council of the City of Cloquet does hereby ordain as follows:

**Section 1.** The Zoning Map of the City of Cloquet is hereby amended to change the zoning designation of the following described property from R3 – Multiple-Family Residence to CC – City Center:

Lots 4 and 5, Block 1, Northwest Paper Company Addition, Carlton County, Minnesota.

**Section 2.** Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication in accordance with law.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES**

Councilor Kolodge thanked those who helped with the Home for the Holidays celebration.

Chief Randall stated there was a good turnout for the chili feed with \$400 raised and 6 boxes for the food shelf. Reminded that Stuff the Squad is December 7<sup>th</sup> at L&M and Wal Mart; and there will be 20 students participating in Shop with a Cop.

Councilor Jaakola thanked Ms. Jaarvinen for the information on the Holiday Celebration at FDLTCC.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly carried by a unanimous yea vote of all members present on roll call, the Council adjourned.

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Tim Peterson, City Administrator